

Date: December 5, 2018

CYF Memo: # 05-18/19

To: CYF Mental Health System of Care Residential/STRTP Providers

From: Yael Koenig, CYF Deputy Director

Re: **AB1299 Residential Tracking Update**

Assembly Bill No. 1299 was approved by the Governor on September 25, 2016 and aims to ensure timely access to mental health services for foster children who are placed outside of their county of original jurisdiction.

On July 1, 2017 the County of San Diego, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) implemented specific processes (CYF Memo #05-16/17) to allow for foster youth with out-of-county Medi-Cal to be served through San Diego BHS contracts under Presumptive Transfer of Medi-Cal for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS).

As of January 2019, Residential Providers shall comply with the following updated and simplified process:

- Complete and submit to COR an AB1299 Residential Admission Report for each foster youth with out-of-county Medi-Cal admitted to the BHS county contract, by the 15th day of the following month (revised form attached).
- The AB1299 Monthly Summary Report will be **discontinued** as of January 2019, but the data will continue to be tracked **quarterly in the QSR**.

For each out-of-county foster youth admitted under presumptive transfer the *revised* AB 1299 Residential Admission Report shall outline:

- Client initials
- Date of Admission
- Date of Discharge (resubmitted to reflect discharge date)
- County of original jurisdiction (placing county)
- Confirm that written notification of Presumptive Transfer was provided by placing county (attach notification to Admission Report when submitting to COR)
- Confirm that placing county provided written documentation that Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) recommended/approved Group Home/STRTP level of care (N/A for RCL 12 Group Home)
- Confirm that placing county provided written documentation that lower level of interventions were insufficient and Group Home/STRTP level of care is warranted
- Confirm that client meets Medical Necessity, has been assessed as seriously emotionally disturbed (SED), and the level of Specialty Mental Health Services offered through the San Diego County contract is necessary to address client's needs
- Confirm that placing county has documented commitment to be an active part of the Child and Family Team (CFT) and to participate in all necessary CFT meetings

For questions, input, or concerns, please contact the program COR.